

# GREENBELT

## News Review

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### Beat The Rush

Please give us your copy on Mondays or at least by noon on Tuesdays. We are trying not to get swamped Tuesday nights.

## Award Winning Harry James, Recreation's Mainstay, Retires

by James Giese

Who is Harry James? No, not the band leader of old, but the one who has been a mainstay of the Greenbelt Recreation Department since 1973? You probably don't know him unless you once worked for the department, as many kids who grew up in Greenbelt have, or were involved in running an athletic league using a Greenbelt facility. Although not a quiet guy, James has worked behind the scenes for these past 28 years and plans to continue doing so until he retires at the end of December.

As Assistant Recreation Director, James plays second fiddle to Director Hank Irving and loves his work. While he says Hank is busy being the spokesperson for the department and meeting with groups, Harry is back in his office doing those nitty-gritty things that keep the department running smoothly. His windowless office, by the way, is the former Youth Center cloakroom. He shares it with two other employees.

Hank and Harry go back a long way. They first met at the University of Maryland where they shared a class together. James was ex-Navy, Irving ex-Army. James was taking courses for a bachelor's degree specializing in physical education, recre-

ation and health. Irving was specializing in education. After they got to know each other, James talked Irving into changing to recreation. What sold him, James said, was that they could get jobs working cruise ships and sail around the world. It turned out, however that neither one ever got such a job.

### Field Work

James did his field work in the summer of 1971 at the Fort Stevens playground. He liked the

playground and working there. A lot of high school basketball players would come there to play pickup games. James remembers that John Thompson, who was then just beginning his career at Georgetown University, would come over to scout the kids. Other coaches did, too, he said.

Irving did his field work for the Greenbelt Recreation Department when Darryl Lofgren was director. That led to other jobs

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Assistant Recreation Director Harry James tries to figure out how to put in all the spring ballgames on city fields.

- photo by Pam Lamblird

## City Council and GHI Discuss Mutual Problems and Concerns

by Barbara Bonham Young

The status of possible Historic District designation and ways to share equipment, training and other resources of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) and the City of Greenbelt were among matters of mutual interest discussed at a March 19 work session held at the GHI office. Attending were GHI president Julia Eichhorst, GHI directors and General Manager Gretchen Overdurff, along with Mayor Judith Davis, city council members and City Manager Michael McLaughlin. Davis expressed the wish to meet with GHI every year in the weeks preceding budget deliberations.

### Historic District

Davis estimated that staff review and preparation of a report on the Historic District designation issue will take probably two or three more months to complete. Following this action, public hearings will be held. Eichhorst noted that, to date, the GHI board has not taken a position on the matter.

### Animal Control

Consideration will be given to moving the vacant position of animal control officer from the Police Department to the office of Code Enforcement, Davis said. McLaughlin noted that while criminal law enforcement is a function of police, civil enforce-

ment is a function of code enforcement, whose inspectors are able to provide "additional eyes and ears" with respect to problems.

### Eyesores

Davis reported that cooperation is being sought from newspaper box vendors to improve the appearance of boxes. A company has been identified, she said, which is willing to provide vending boxes to the city on which the city could place its own advertising. If vendors do not cooperate in maintaining their boxes, she said the city may have to invoke a broad ordinance requiring permits and maintenance of the boxes.

Concerning disreputable-looking autos on public streets, Davis noted that Code Enforcement and the City Manager are looking into ways to handle the problem.

### Grant Proposal

Davis thanked GHI for taking the initiative in submitting a proposal to New York-based Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities (NORC) and said the city will provide office space for the proposed resource manager, should the grant be funded. She said the city and GHI would hold joint work sessions on the matter at a later time. Overdurff reported the grant application had been mailed earlier in the day.

### "Live Near Work"

McLaughlin reported that while the city supports the governor's "Live Near Your Work" program, which provides a stipend to workers, Greenbelt is not one of the areas so targeted. However, staff is working with the state to see if Greenbelt might be included. Criteria for inclusion may be changed by the state, he said.

### Cable Upgrade

The mayor noted there will be some brief outages in connection with upgrade work on the cable system. The work will begin soon during daylight hours. Completion by late summer is expected.

### Sharing Resources

GHI Director Bill Phelan discussed the possibility of the two entities sharing training, including training on playground inspections. Overdurff suggested that joint training on violence in the work place could also be undertaken. She said that GHI's basic writing course might also be appropriate for some city staff. The mayor suggested discussing training possibilities and working closely with Connie Harris, the city's Human Resources director.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts applauded the concept of sharing, but cautioned that city See CITY COUNCIL, page 5

## Post Grants Are Awarded To Greenbelt Elementary

by Mary Moien

The Washington Post has awarded two "Grants in the Arts" to Greenbelt Elementary School. The Post instituted the grants program "to recognize classroom innovation and provide funds for arts education activities that enrich the standard curriculum, provide exposure to the visual and performing arts for all students, and encourage creativity and the development of fundamental skills."

The two educators who obtained the grants were fifth grade teacher Beth Novick and third grade teacher Thomas Lenhart. The grants, \$500 each, are supplemented by donations from the Mobil "Fuel for School Program." The students will also have the opportunity to tour The Post.

Novick indicated that the grants were developed under the guidance of Barbara Simon, director, Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts, who "reached out and took the initiative" in this project. Novick stated that these grant proposals could now be used as models for future projects.

### Fifth Grade Grant

The fifth grade received a grant to continue visits by "Mr.

Geo," who teaches cartooning to students during weekly visits. The students learn how to draw cartoons and to produce a trading card with their own creations on the front. On the reverse, they develop written information on the cartoon character, which helps improve language skills.

Novick commented that the cartoon classes have developed from an arts program into a language arts program. Some of these students show "unbelievable creativity," she enthused.

### Third Grade Grant

Third grade teacher, Lenhart, was promoted this year. Last school year he taught the second grade TAG (talented and gifted) class and liked them so much he was promoted with them. This year he teaches most of the same children in the third grade. Lenhart has only been teaching a few years as teaching is his second career.

The third grade grant involves pottery making. Students will be exploring Native American pottery and will actually make pottery in the class. Barbara Simon is also involved in this project and earlier pottery classes at Greenbelt Elementary through the Fine Arts in the Classroom program.

## Speeding, Unpaid Fees Worry Civic Associations

by Judith Ransom Bell

Mayor Judith Davis opened the March 13 worksession of the Greenbelt City Council by welcoming all Greenbelt civic associations to share "burning issues" concerning their communities, giving the council a chance to find out "what we need to do." Boxwood; Greenbriar Condominiums Phases I, II, and III; the Greenbriar Community Association; Greenbrook Estates; Greenspring II; Woodland Hills; the Greenbelt East Advisory Committee; and Windsor Green were represented at the meeting.

The issues raised included crime and police patrolling, drugs, problems with HUD (U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development) units, student traffic in buildings, pedestrians and traffic, delayed road repairs and problems with standing water, and what to do about speeding in some communities.

Angeline Butler, Greenbriar Phase III president, raised the issue that some HUD units repeatedly go through a cycle of purchase-default-bankruptcy. A unit is purchased and HUD pays a year's worth of condo fees. When the year is up, the owner frequently is not able to take over the fees. The association then loses out on condo fees (often tens of thousands of dollars) and the rest of the community has to make up for it. Response from HUD was poor until the city

stepped in, at which time phone calls were returned.

Davis replied that other cities have bought units from HUD. Cheverly, for example, took HUD to court. Councilmember Alan Turnbull commented that "it seems that HUD isn't doing anyone any favors, giving them a false sense of what they can afford and then they get zinged and end up losing a home. Maybe the condo board and the city, and possibly Congressman Steny Hoyer's office could convince HUD to look at the big picture and whether they're doing anybody a favor and see if they have the discretion to change the structure."

Councilmember Edward Putens mentioned that his community, Greenbrook Estates, has 109 units and 11 or 12 of the units at one point were always late or behind. One of the measures that was taken was that if the fee wasn't paid in 45 days the trash service was stopped, which worked in all but four of

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### What Goes On

Mon., March 26, 8 p.m.  
Regular council meeting, Municipal Building

Wed., March 28, 8 p.m.  
Budget work session on revenues and general government, Community Center



## Editorial

## ACE Makes an Ace Of a Contribution

When you think of an ace, you think of the best, the highest card in the deck or a top pilot. When Greenbelters think of ACE, they should be referring to the Advisory Committee on Education. ACE, an advisory committee to the Greenbelt City Council, was formed in the spring of 1995 and ever since has been under the able leadership of Leta Mach. The committee has brought to council and to all of us an awareness of the importance of education to the very existence of the city.

The Advisory Committee on Education has accomplished much in just a few years. It established ACE awards to honor both students and school staff. When the city council presents these annual awards, the pride of each school is evidenced by standing-room only crowds of cheering students, parents, and co-workers.

ACE initiated annual meetings with school principals, with PTA presidents, and with Greenbelt's school board representative. The committee invited Dr. Iris T. Metts, then newly appointed Prince George's County Schools Superintendent, to address the community in an open meeting. This meeting resulted in Dr. Metts' becoming very aware of the interest, knowledge, and power of Greenbelt citizens.

This past year ACE organized a voluntary program to encourage elementary students to read books and write brief reports. A recent reception for participants highlighted their efforts.

Now the committee turns its attention to ways the city and community of Greenbelt can better support the local schools. It has begun this work by interviewing school staff and PTA representatives on what assistance the city could provide to improve the educational opportunities at each school. A completed report will be forwarded to the city council later this year.

We commend ACE on all of its achievements and support its continuing activities to improve the life of all Greenbelt residents — but our students most of all.

### Greenbelt CARES

The week of March 12, Robert Freeman, Ph.D. visited with the CARES Family Clinic staff to discuss his views on the use of play with children in therapy. Dr. Freeman, who retired last spring, ran the Parent-Child Evaluation Service at the University of Maryland for over 30 years.

Wendy Wexler has completed interviews of students at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. Wexler began the new teen discussion group Wednesday, March 21. It will run for eight weeks and cover topics including peer pressure, anger management, substance abuse, and school performance.

Teresa Smithson interviewed seventh and eighth grade students at Greenbelt Middle School for two student discussion groups at the school. The eighth grade group held its first session on March 15. Smithson is assisted by Greenbelt Middle School guidance counselors Wayne Davis and Devonne Johnson.

Judye Hering met with Sue Briggs and Nela Singleton, directors of the CIVICUS Program at the University of Maryland, to discuss collaborative efforts. CIVICUS, for University of Maryland students, is a community service learning program with a humanistic learning approach. Many of the CIVICUS students are enrolled as volunteer tutors for CARES.

#### Greenbelt Arts Center Announces

### AUDITIONS

Joe Orton's

### What The Butler Saw

Hilarious Adult Sex Farce

April 2 & 3

7:00-9:00 pm

Greenbelt Community Center

15 Crescent Road

Performances June 8-30

www.greenbelt.com/artscenter

301-441-8770

### Don't Step on Me!

The gym in the Greenbelt Community Center will be closed until March 25. The floors are being refinished.

### City Notes

The week of March 5 the streets crew cleaned curbs and gutters in Lakewood and continued installation of the trench drains on the path at the Lake Park.

The horticulture crew completed planting seeds for annuals in the greenhouse and pruned and cleaned Greenspring Park, Schrom Hills Park and the Lake Park entrance.

The building maintenance crew continued working on the installation of the new lights at Braden Field.

The week of March 12, the streets crew repaired a storm drain on Cherrywood Lane and continued repair of the surface of the path around the lake in Buddy Attick Park.

The horticulture crew removed a dead and dangerous tree over the slide at the playground near 1 Court of Southway. The crew also continued planting seeds and plugs for summer landscape and ordered many trees for the Adopt-a-Tree program. Beds were cleaned along Southway, on Hanover Parkway near Hunting Ridge and at the Municipal Building.

The parks crew installed new sliding boards in the playgrounds at 2 Court Southway and 4 Court Plateau.

### Board of Directors Elected by Phase III

The results of the March election held at Greenbriar Phase III are as follows: Angeline M. Butler, president; Anne S. Kimrey, vice president; Albert L. Chandler, treasurer; Rosemarie Culmone, secretary; and Fran Ritter, director.

Board meetings are held monthly at the community building, 7600 Hanover Parkway. Owners and residents are encouraged to attend. Greenbriar Phase III meets the second Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m.

### ART SHOW

at Green Ridge House, 22 Ridge Road  
April 13 and 14; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

disabled artist **Terrie L. Turano**

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POTTERY • DRAWING

Refreshments

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### Channel B-10 Schedule

### Greenbelt Municipal/Public Access TV

MUNICIPAL ACCESS-301-474-8000

Monday, March 26 at 8:00pm  
"City Council Meeting" - Live

Tuesday & Thursday, March 27 & 29  
12 & 6:00pm "Greenbelt Elementary-1st Grade Show"  
12:30 & 6:30pm "ACE Educators Awards"  
1:30 & 7:30pm "City Council Chautauqua"  
3:30 & 9:30pm "Replay of City Council Meeting"

PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE) -301-507-6581

Wednesday & Friday, March 28 & 30  
7:00pm "A Woman's Work"  
7:30pm "Greenbelt in Focus-Art Auction"  
745pm "Public Safety"

### The Old Curmudgeon



"Spring is here ... get the snow shovels ready!"

### Short Videos Sought

Crash Test Videos 2001 seeks short video productions by local artists for its 2001 screening event. Experimental, evocative, expressive or surreal works of no more than 10 minutes in length are eligible. Works in progress or longer works that have been edited to a 15 minutes or shorter segment may be submitted. All submitted entries will be pre-screened to form the most varied and dynamic program possible.

Accepted artists will be expected to attend the Crash Test Videos screening on Thursday, April 26 at 7 p.m. at the Rennie Forum, Largo Student Center, Prince George's Community College, Largo. Cash prizes will be awarded at the event.

The deadline for Crash Test Videos entries is Tuesday, April 10, 5 p.m.

For an entry form, call or fax the Arts and Cultural Heritage Division at 301-454-1461; fax 301-454-1454; TTY 301-454-1472; www.pgpc.com.

### Park Service Hosts Solar Energy Contest

The National Park Service will host a Solar Science Challenge at Kenilworth Park and Aquatic Gardens, located in northeast Washington, D.C., for all area middle, high and home-schooled students in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area.

The challenge is for students to develop machines that operate on solar energy. The deadline for entries is April 4; all entries must be submitted through school or home school review. Prizes will be awarded for the best entries.

Entry procedures and rules will be sent to schools and homes who e-mail kag@smart.net, or write the park at 1900 Anacostia Drive, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20020. For more information, contact Park Ranger Kate Bucco, Wednesday through Sunday at 202-426-6905.



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DEADLINES: Letters, articles and ads—10 p.m. Tuesday. Materials for publication may be mailed to address above, deposited in our box in the Co-op grocery store (by 7 p.m. Tuesday) or brought to our office in the Community Center 15 Crescent Road during office hours. Mail subscriptions—\$32/year.

Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.  
OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.



## GHI Notes

The following meetings are scheduled in the GHI Board Room: Monday, March 26, 7:30 p.m., Investment Committee; Wednesday, March 28, 7:30 p.m., Architecture and Environment Committee; Thursday, March 29, 7:30 p.m., Finance Committee.

## Sampling Day Offered At Co-op Food Store

The Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative will host a "Sampling Day" presented by The Basic Feast, a local catering company and supplier of organic and biodynamic foods. Selections from the company's cupboards will be offered at the store on Wednesday, March 28, from 4 to 7 p.m. and Saturday, March 31, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The tasting will focus on items available from both the bakery and Grab n' Go selections sold by the Co-op as well as the special catering menu offered by the company. Representatives from The Basic Feast will be able to explain the thinking behind biodynamic foods and the health benefits of this nutritional approach.

According to store manager Bob Davis, there has been a steady increase in customer demand for natural and organic products. The Basic Feast presents a new product line as it offers biodynamic foods free of hormones, irradiation or artificial ingredients. "This represents yet another way for us to serve our members," said Davis.

## Recreation Review

On March 30 at 7:30 p.m., Roland Forbes' International Folk Dancing class will be hosting an Open House in the Youth Center multi-purpose room. Come check out the fun and take part in this free event where dances from other lands can be experienced. It's a great way to get some exercise, socialize and learn a new skill with others aged 16+. No experience is required. For information call 301-397-2200.

# Community Events

## Golden Age Club

by Ruth Huggins

Vice President Nick Pergola presided over the March 14 meeting. He announced that Morningside House of Laurel was unable to have a speaker at the meeting but asked that they be re-scheduled. Dolores Capotosto led members in singing God Bless America.

Betty P. Down, Sunshine chair, is on her honeymoon, but before she left she sent a note of cheer to Betty Dietch, who had eye surgery.

Tom Moran announced that Meals on Wheels is in need of three types of volunteers: kitchen helpers, drivers, and substitute helpers. If interested in volunteering, call 301-474-1002 between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Phyllis Budin, Anniversary Luncheon chair, reminded members the luncheon will start at 11:30 a.m. on April 18. People who need a ride to the restaurant should let committee member Dorothea Leslie know.

John Taylor, Travel chair, is accepting checks for the April 3 trip.

Pergola reminded members that the annual yard sale is June 2 and people can bring yard sale items to the Senior Lounge Monday through Friday.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Bunny Fitzgerald and Darlene O'Reilly.

## Workshop Rescheduled

Due to a scheduling conflict, drawing workshops for teens with Greenbelt artist Tom Baker previously scheduled to start March 22, will start March 29 instead. The workshops are a new series in the After-School Teen Arts drop-in program at the Greenbelt Community Center. They will take place March 29, April 5, May 10 and 24 from 4 to 7 p.m. For more information, call 301-474-2192.

## Explorations Explores Maryland's Features

Mariellen Somerville, a travel counselor with the State of Maryland, will be the presenter at "Explorations Unlimited" on Friday, March 30 at the Greenbelt Community Center. Somerville will give an overview of the areas and attractions within the state, explaining why Maryland is called "America in Miniature." Special emphasis will be placed on the crown jewel of the state, the Baltimore Inner Harbor.

"Explorations Unlimited" is a speaker series held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Community Center. This presentation will be held in the senior classroom. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are always encouraged. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

## At the Library

### Children's Programs

Tuesday, March 27, 7 p.m. Cliffhangers for ages 5 to 8.

Thursday, March 29, 10:15 a.m. Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 to 5. 11:15 a.m. Toddler Time for two-year-olds and parent or caregiver.

### Adult Programs

Tuesday, March 27, 7 p.m. Meet the Author. Washington writer Adrian Havill reads from and discusses "While Innocents Slept: A Story of Revenge, Murder, and AIDS."

## Community Church Holds Benefit Concert

The Greenbelt Community Church is producing a second concert on Sunday, April 1 at 7:30 p.m. The church choir will be featured along with vocal ensembles and solo, the children's choir, and flute and violin artists.

Last month's first concert was warmly received. All are invited. A free will offering will be collected to raise funds for a new piano in the sanctuary.

## County Police Chief Will Address Lions

Prince George's County Police Chief John Farrell will be the speaker at the next Greenbelt Lions Club meeting at 6:45 p.m. on Monday, March 26 at Avery Gardens, 9885 Greenbelt Road.

The public is invited to attend at 7:15 p.m. For further information and reservations call 301-474-5156.

## 'Artful Afternoon' Stars Romanoke Art

Jill Romanoke's mixed media show in the Gallery at the Greenbelt Community Center is open from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily through April 25. The room is intentionally crowded with "lots of stuff." The artist invites the public to come and explore because there is plenty of "stuff" to see, like an old antique store.

On April 1 at 1:30 p.m., Romanoke will discuss her work at the Sunday Artful Afternoon. The public is invited.

## GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL

Municipal Building Council Room

March 26, 2001

Regular Meeting - 8:00 p.m.



### I. ORGANIZATION

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
4. Consent Agenda - Approval of Staff Recommendations  
(The consent agenda comprises those items marked by an asterisk [\*], subject to such revisions as may be made by the Council prior to approval.)
5. Approval of Agenda and Additions

### II. COMMUNICATIONS

6. Presentations
  - Police Chiefs' Association of Prince George's County Annual Awards
  - City Manager's Proposed FY 2002 Budget
7. Petitions and Requests  
(Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless the standing rules are waived by the Council.)
8. Minutes of Meetings
9. Administrative Reports
- \* 10. Committee Reports  
Employee Relations Board, Memo, 3/12/01  
(Grievance Re: Police Take-Home Car Policy)

### III. LEGISLATION

11. A Resolution for Negotiated Purchase with Tate Engineering of Baltimore, Maryland, for a Petro-Vend K-800 Fuel Management System, in the Sum of \$12,530 (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading, Adoption)

### IV. OTHER BUSINESS

12. Award of Purchase - Purchase of Passenger Van
13. Proposed Curfew Law
- \* 14. Reappointment to Community Relations Advisory Board

### V. MEETINGS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. For information, please call 301-474-3870. If special accommodations are required to make this meeting accessible to any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 or 301-474-2046 (TDD) to request such accommodation before 10:00 a.m. on the day of the meeting.

Check out the Greenbelt Citylink Web site at [www.ci.greenbelt.md.us](http://www.ci.greenbelt.md.us)

Kathleen Gallagher  
City Clerk



## AN EVENING OF SONG

Ingrid Cowan & Ole Hass

Saturday, March 31 — 8 pm

Reservations: (301) 441-8770

Tickets: \$10, \$8 for students & seniors

## GHI Community-Wide Clean Up Saturday, April 7th

Join your neighbors in welcoming in spring by giving GHI's common areas a facelift. The Board of Directors is sponsoring a clean up of GHI's common areas. Help is needed to:

- Remove fallen tree limbs and branches
- Pick up litter and trash
- > Limbs less than 4" in diameter should be cut into 4' lengths, if possible. The GHI staff will handle larger branches.
- > Collection areas will be marked with a red flag on 2' green poles. These will be located at convenient points within your court.
- > Debris will be collected on Monday, April 9th.
- > No household refuse, please. Members wishing to dispose of household items or individual yard waste should contact the city at (301) 474-8004 to arrange for a special trash pick-up.

> Trash bags will be available free of charge April 7th after 9:00 a.m. from the following Board members:

1. Julia Eichhorst — 3P Research Road
2. Bill Phelan — 57K Ridge Road
3. Sheila Alpers — 30D Ridge Road
4. Susan Ready — 30C Ridge Road
5. Dorothy Lauber — 9M Ridge Road
6. Betty Deitch — 3H Crescent Road
7. Sylvia Lewis — 2C Gardenway Road

If you have questions concerning the Spring-Clean Up please contact Phillip John Rondeau at (303) 474-4161 Ext. 132.

Many hands make light work!

## Concert

Greenbelt Community  
Church  
Sunday  
April 1 7:30 PM  
All are  
Welcome

## OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

Week of March 23  
Crouching Tiger,  
Hidden Dragon  
(PG-13)

Fri. (5:00 @ \$4.00)  
7:30, 9:50  
Sat. (2:30 & 5:00 @ \$4.00)  
7:30, 9:50  
Sun. (2:30 & 5:00 @ \$4.00)  
7:30  
Mon - Thurs. 7:30  
301-474-9744 • 301-474-9745  
129 Centerway  
[www.pgtheatres.com](http://www.pgtheatres.com)



## OBITUARY

### Hyman Gerson

Former long-time Greenbelter Hyman (Hy) Gerson, 86, died Tuesday, March 6, 2001.

Mr. Gerson grew up in the Bronx, New York. While in high school he had a photo booth on Coney Island, where he learned to color photographs. At that time photos were only black and white.

In 1934 he joined the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) and was sent to Tennessee.

Later he became a dental lab technician and learned to make dentures.

He came to Washington, D.C. to work in the U.S. Department of Commerce. From 1945 to 1952 he served in the United States Navy.

Mr. Gerson received an apprenticeship with the U.S. Treasury Department with the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, from which he retired in 1976 as a journeyman electrician. For two years after his retirement he worked for the Greenbelt Police Department as animal warden.

Mr. Gerson and his late wife, Estelle (Esther), moved to Greenbelt in the late 1930s, living first in the apartments across from Center School. In 1944 they moved to 45-D Ridge Road, where they lived until October 1998. They then moved to an assisted living residence near their son in Gaithersburg.

In Greenbelt Mr. Gerson was a member of Mishkan Torah synagogue. In 1952, when the synagogue was built by members, he did the electrical work. He was also a member of the Masons.

Former neighbors describe Mr. Gerson as a warm, gentle and caring person. When his son-in-law, a veterinarian, needed someone to feed and care for a small animal, Mr. Gerson would take on that task.

Mr. Gerson is survived by his son, Sanders Gerson, and his wife, Lorraine; daughter, Lois Cohen, and her husband, Stanley; grandchildren, Debbie, Laurie, Amy, Todd and Jay; and four great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held on March 9 at King David Memorial Gardens, Falls Church, Va.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the Alzheimer's Association.

### Quintet to Perform At Maryland

The University of Maryland School of Music will offer free the Prism Brass Quintet on March 29 at 8 p.m. at the Gildenhorn Recital Hall at the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center at the University of Maryland.

Grand prize winners of the 1999 Brass Quintet competition of the Americas, the Prism Brass perform the Maryland premiere of Inward Journey by Mike Crotty with a guest solo by woodwind recording artist Chris Vadala. Prism Brass is a resident ensemble at the University of Maryland School of Music, and Chris Vadala is director of Jazz Studies.

For information, call 301-405-7847.

### Review

### Celtic Program Offered Stompin' Good Time at the Arts Center

by Barbara Likowski

When we saw that there were only a few members of MacTallah (Echo) present for the Celtic program at the Greenbelt Arts Center on Saturday, March 17, we were disappointed. We had heard this group, who sing in the Gaelic, many times and enjoyed listening to their music and to their several early Scottish musical instruments. But we were pleasantly surprised at the magnificent program these few provided.

Joan Weiss, their leader, as usual explained what the songs were about and how they fit into the environment of early Scotland. The singers were accompanied by Greenbelters John Ward on the fiddle and Trix Whitehall on the bodhran (a Celtic drum). Trix, a member of MacTallah, also sang with the group.

We could picture the workers singing as they pounded the wool they worked on. The audience clapped and stamped along with them.

It was amusing to listen to "mouth music." This was used to dance to at a time when the bagpipes were outlawed and the fiddle called an "instrument of the devil."

The star of that part of the program was Harry Mackenzie from Baltimore, who was the winner of the men's solo at the U.S. Gaelic Mod held at the Ligonier, Pa. Scottish games. Mackenzie sang without accompaniment. Standing in his kilt before the mike, he first explained what his songs were about. His presence was such that the audience was very quiet. He sang in what sounded like faultless Gaelic, beautiful in tone. Then very quietly said "thank you" in the Gaelic.

Later he told us that he would like to compete in Scotland even though he could not compete for the grand prize because he was not fluent in Gaelic. That surprised most of us who did not have the Gaelic because he sounded so fluent.

Another member of the Mackenzie family, 8-year-old Anlara Mackenzie pleased the audience by dancing an Irish jig and then a Scottish dance. We learned she also competed in Scottish games, including the local games in Alexandria

in July.

### Homespun Ceilidh Band

Featured in the second part of the program was the Home-spun Ceilidh Band led by John Ward who also announced the pieces. Although, again, several of their members were absent, it did not deter the group from playing rollicking, toe tapping reels, jigs and strathspeys.

Additionally there were dances and songs. A member of the band, Jennifer Silverman, did Irish step dancing. She seemed to float across the area, on stage and off. Even though we'd seen her before, we couldn't take our eyes off her as she glided along, sometimes playing the bodhran as she danced. One time she graciously invited Anlara Mackenzie to dance along with her.

Trix was the soloist for this group and she gave it her all. Her sweet voice came over clearly. We particularly enjoyed her "Mrs. Murphy's Band," a song she wrote based on things that had actually happened to the band, a la Murphy's law. It ended with a very discordant note from the band which made the audience laugh.

It was all done in fun — the players seeming to enjoy themselves as much as the audience did. Some jumped up and down as they played. The audience became part of it all, clapping, stamping, sometimes yelling. It really was a ceilidh and we enjoyed it together.

(Later we learned where our missing entertainers had gone. There was a Gaelic infusion in Richmond that weekend.)



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### Mighty Mites Topic Of Garden Club Talk

For the Wednesday, March 28 meeting of the Beltsville Garden Club, Dr. Ron Ochoa, an acarologist with the USDA/ARS/Systematic Entomology Laboratory, and an internationally recognized authority on mites, will review the various species of mites that are plant pests and those that can be used as biological control agents.

An important aspect in controlling or utilizing mites is their proper identification, which because of their size can prove challenging. Consequently, acarologists, scientists who specialize in the study of mites, play an important role in plant protection.

The Beltsville Garden Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Duckworth School at 11201 Evans Trail in Beltsville. (Evans Trail is the first street to the left, at the blinking yellow light, west of Interstate 95, off Powder Mill Road.) Refreshments and door prizes will follow the meeting. Admission is free and the public is invited. For more information, call 301-384-2415.

### Baha'i Faith

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## CITY COUNCIL

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staff is already "stretched to the limit." GHI will provide the city with a list of its equipment for consideration with respect to sharing.

Possible additional sharing with homeowner associations was discussed. Davis noted that Springhill Lake has equipment and training resources which might be considered as well. Sharing should not be limited to GHI and the City of Greenbelt, she said.

Overdurff noted that GHI needs quickly to get rid of a supply of four-drawer file cabinets. Those interested in the free equipment should contact Joan Krob immediately at GHI, 301-474-4161, extension 138.

### Spellman Overpass

Noting that some residents want to close the Spellman Overpass over the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, GHI Director Susan Ready spoke in favor of keeping it open. Davis reported that possible placement of a video camera at the overpass location will be discussed at an upcoming budget work session. Discussion then ensued about placement of cameras, including the possibility of installing one at Buddy Attick Lake Park. Roberts opposed such an installation, saying cameras should only be placed where there is a crime problem. Phelan raised the question of employing someone to monitor the city's cameras.

### Entryways

The mayor said block grant funds will be used for a study of needed entryway improvements. She noted that the map at the Southway entrance to Greenbelt does not include either Greenbelt East or Greenbelt West. The matter of excessive signage at some locations was also discussed, with GHI Director Betty Deitch commenting on the poor appearance of the Crescent Road entryway at Kenilworth Avenue.

## UNPAID FEES

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the cases. With the four they got tougher, passing a resolution allowing for fines of \$2 per day, went to court and won, and everybody paid up.

After further discussion, City Manager Michael McLaughlin suggested that representatives of Phase III could describe the situation in a letter addressed to the council and ask for a follow-up. Butler commented that she will now go back to management and say that this is an issue which can be addressed with the city.

Several representatives of the associations complimented the city and the police on services.

Mark Davis reported that the residents of Woodland Hills "love" the speed humps that were installed and would like to see similar traffic calming devices in other parts of the city.

Robert Thomas commented on concerns about speed in Greenbrook Estates. E. Scott Frison strongly expressed a need in Greenspring II for speed humps. Davis advised Frison to write a letter to the Planning Department describing the problem and asking for a survey of the development. After a plan is developed, it would be presented to the community for approval.

## Help Girl Scouts

The Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital is seeking volunteers to help out with a variety of tasks. Call 301-893-1819.

## Story of Riversdale Told in Lectures

Riversdale House Museum and the College of Arts and Humanities, University of Maryland College Park, are presenting a lecture series entitled Life at Riversdale: Legacies and Links to the University of Maryland. The six-week series explores social history of both free and enslaved populations of the plantation, art and architectural history, researching and documenting the past, and the decorative arts of the Federal Era.

There is a fee. The first lecture, "Writing 'Mistress of Riversdale'" by the author Margaret Law Callcott, is Tuesday, March 27 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.; subsequent dates are April 3, 10, 17, 14 and May 1.

Riversdale is located near the University of Maryland at 4811 Riverdale Road in Riverdale Park. For further information call 301-864-0420 or TTY 301-699-2544 or go to [www.pgparcs.com](http://www.pgparcs.com).

## UMD Hosts Women's Art, Letters Exhibit

The University of Maryland Art Gallery will host "Women of the World: A Global Collection of Art" through April 21 during regular gallery hours: Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The exhibit will feature visual arts and literature by Washington area female artists.

A special roundtable discussion and reception will be held for the exhibit March 28 from 2 to 5 p.m. Registration is required for the roundtable by March 23. Call 301-405-2763.

## Arboretum Offers Rhododendron Talk

Learn about the man behind some of the most successful rhododendron cultivars, Joseph B. Gable, from a panel of rhododendron enthusiasts during this free slide-illustrated lecture sponsored by the Potomac Valley Chapter of the American Rhododendron So-

ciety on Wednesday, March 25 at 3:30 p.m. The lecture will be held in the Administration Building auditorium at the U.S. National Arboretum. Afterwards, chapter members demonstrate how to "stick" cuttings for propagation. Registration is not required.



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It is that time again to ask for your generous donations to help support the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc. We will be starting our annual general fund drive in the middle of April. We truly appreciate your contributions during the previous fund drives.

You will receive your donation package in the mail during the month of April. You may choose to either mail your donation back to us or bring it to the station and hand it to one of our volunteers. We are located at 125 Crescent Rd., Greenbelt, MD. If you should misplace your donation package you can still mail us your contribution. Our mailing address is Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Dept., P.O. Box #35, Greenbelt, Md 20768.

As in the past I would like to **emphasize strongly** that you **do not accept** any solicitations over the telephone from persons identifying themselves as members or representatives of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc. **For this annual general fund drive during the month of April, we only ask for donations through the mail.**

We have received some questions from concerned citizens as to some of our other scheduled fund-raisers. Our Ladies Auxiliary conducts a picture/portrait drive in the fall. This fund-raiser involves representatives from a contracted corporation that go door to door throughout the city of Greenbelt. The representatives have been instructed to show a city permit and a letter from the Ladies Auxiliary. In addition to this fund-raising effort, we conduct what we call our annual boot drive in the month of December. We station our members at various intersections collecting donations.

Again, may I thank you for your very important past and continued support during our upcoming general fund drive.

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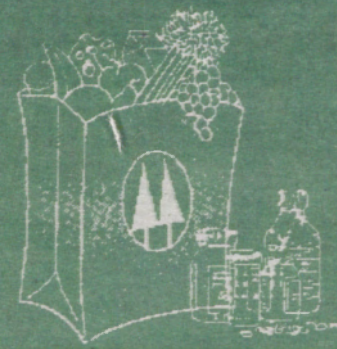
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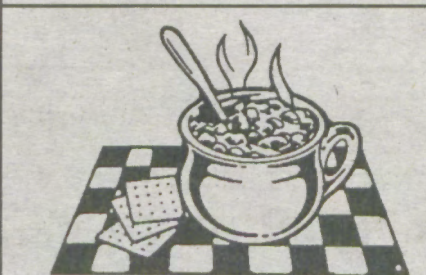
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# POLICE BLOTTER

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department. Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

## Armed Robbery

Columbia Bank in the 7500 block of Greenway Center Drive, March 15, 12:43 p.m., a man entered the bank, approached a teller booth, produced a small silver handgun, and announced a robbery. After receiving an undisclosed amount of money, the robber fled.

## Assault

8100 block of Mandan Terrace, March 10, 3:44 a.m., a 34-year-old male nonresident was arrested and charged with assault and fleeing and eluding. Officers responded to a report of a man possibly armed with a handgun. While responding to the scene officers were advised that the man had gotten into a vehicle and was leaving the scene. The vehicle was located, and an officer attempted to stop it. The driver refused to stop, running a red light. The vehicle was followed onto westbound Greenbelt Road. The vehicle then drove back to the 8100 block of Mandan Road. The suspect exited the vehicle and attempted to flee on foot. He was apprehended after a short chase and assaulted the officer several times as he was being placed in custody. The man was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

## Attempted Rape

6100 block of Breezewood Court, March 13, a 13-year-old girl reported that one month earlier, she went into a laundry room with a friend, where they were confronted by several male youths. One of the youths attempted to sexually assault the girl, but she was able to leave the area. The

suspects are known to the victim, and investigation is continuing.

## Strong-Arm Robbery

9100 block of Springhill Lane, March 10, a man was approached by two subjects, and one demanded his jewelry. The man refused, and both people assaulted him. The victim was transported to the hospital for a laceration to his face. The suspects are known to the victim, and investigation is continuing.

## Weapon

Eleanor Roosevelt High School, March 8, 11:50 a.m., a 16-year-old nonresident and a 17-year-old resident were arrested for possession of a deadly weapon on school grounds after they were found to be in possession of knives. Both were released to their parents pending action by the school board and the juvenile justice system.

## Counterfeit Currency

Greenbelt Variety Store at Roosevelt Center, March 11, 12:25 p.m., a woman attempted to pass a counterfeit \$20 bill. The woman stated that she had received the bill at a service station in Washington, D.C. The bill was placed into evidence.

## Drugs

9300 block of Edmonston Road, March 11, 1:47 a.m., a 28-year-old female nonresident was arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia. An officer on foot approached an occupied suspicious vehicle. The officer observed in plain view paraphernalia commonly used to store marijuana. The woman was released on citation pending trial.

## Burglary and Theft

6400 block of Golden Triangle Drive, March 9, 4:22 p.m., money

was taken from a purse in an unsecured desk in an office suite.

Jeepers! in Beltway Plaza Mall, March 10, 5:25 p.m., a cellular telephone and money were taken from an unattended purse.

6100 block of Breezewood Court, March 12 and 15, someone took mail that had been left to be mailed.

Greenbelt Middle School, March 13, 11:13 a.m., a cellular telephone was removed from an unsecured desk.

Eleanor Roosevelt High School, March 14, 12:13 p.m., a 16-year-old nonresident was arrested for theft after allegedly stealing items from lockers. The youth was released to the school pending action by the board of education and the juvenile justice system.

6100 block of Breezewood Drive, March 14, 5:30 p.m., money and clothing were taken. Entry was gained by breaking out a bedroom window.

9100 block of Edmonston Court, March 14, 5:58 p.m., money was taken from a residence.

Radio Shack in Beltway Plaza Mall, March 14, 8:07 p.m., an unattended telephone was taken from a counter.

Bennigan's at Beltway Plaza, March 14, 11:24 p.m., a 21-year-old male nonresident was arrested and charged with theft after he failed to pay his tab. He was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Giant in Beltway Plaza Mall, March 15, 1:40 p.m., an unattended purse was taken from a shopping cart.

7500 block of Greenway Center Drive, March 15, 2:31 p.m., a pressure washer was taken from a storage closet.

Safeway in Greenway Center, March 15, 2:40 p.m., a wallet was removed from a woman's purse while she was shopping.

## Vandalism

9200 block of Springhill Lane,

March 9, 8:23 p.m., someone broke out the bedroom window of a residence.

## Vehicle Crimes

The following vehicles were reported stolen: a gray 1995 Jeep Laredo with Maryland tags M130637, March 10, from the 100 block of Westway; a black four-door 1992 Ford Crown victoria with Maryland tags ABD770, March 13, from the 14 court of Ridge Road; and a white two-door 1994 Honda Accord with Maryland tags BWX 985, March 14, from the 7800

block of Cloister Place.

Vandalisms to, thefts from, and attempted thefts of vehicles were reported in the following areas: 6100 block of Breezewood Drive, 9000 block of Breezewood Terrace, 5800 block of Cherrywood Lane, Beltway Plaza Mall, 7800 block of Walker Drive, 100 block of Lastner Lane, 400 block and 46 court of Ridge Road, 500 block of Crescent Road, 4 court of Hillside Road, 6900 block of Hanover Parkway, and 7500 block of Mandan Road.



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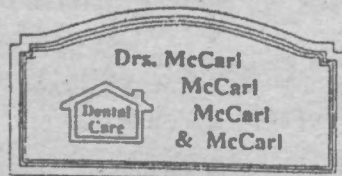
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## Harry James

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in Greenbelt. At that time, there were only two full-time professional recreation employees in the department and Irving became one of them.

James came to work as a non-classified full-time employee in February 1973. When Lofgren resigned to accept a position with the Montgomery County Recreation Department, Irving became acting director and James acting assistant. After Irving was appointed Recreation Director, James became a regular employee of the city in March 1974 as Assistant Recreation Director.

### Then & Now

Since that time, the department has grown. There are now 13 other professional employees besides Irving and James. Then the city had as recreation facilities the Youth Center, Braden Field, McDonald Field, the outdoor swimming pool, Buddy Attick Park and some playgrounds. To that list the city has added the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, Schrom Hills Park, the Aquatic and Fitness Center and the Community Center.

James thinks that the Greenbelt Recreation Department is "one of the best around — as good as any county department." He attributes the department's success to a supportive community and to a diverse professional staff. The people of Greenbelt like having their own recreation department, he says, and have been willing to pay for it. Picking different people with different interests is what makes the department work so well, he says. "It's what makes our program unique and responsive to the community."

James scoffs at employees who ask him for a job description. You just do what needs to be done and what you can do, he believes. That essentially is what he does for the city. James has become the department's number cruncher. About 40 percent of his time is spent on preparing and monitoring the department's budget. He also controls purchasing for the department and maintains time records. Supervising employees and dealing with day-to-day operations of the department takes up another 35 percent of his time, he estimates.

He also does some of the department's programming. He does the scheduling of ballfields, for example. He is liaison to all athletic groups that get contributions from the city. He coordinates softball activities in the city and is a commissioner with both the Amateur Softball Association of the Washington Metropolitan Area and the U.S. Slow Pitch Softball Association.

### Chief Cook

Following his philosophy of not paying attention to job descriptions, James has become the department's and city's chief cook. Whenever there is a city function that involves barbecuing, James is there flipping burgers while others party.

His cooking is one of the ways the department saves money, he claims. The city does not pay top dollar for its summer employees, but in recent years the city has had no trouble employing good kids.

Instead of high pay, the city gives the kids extras like pizza parties. James claims that for a few hundred dollars, the city saves thousands.

"It's fun to be with the kids," he says. He enjoys his role as liaison to the Youth Advisory Board. This board has advocated the city building a skateboard park and installing a sidewalk all the way on Hanover Parkway. It sought improvements to the Schrom Hills Park ballfields and gave comments on the city's trails plan.

James seems to like most everything. He says that he doesn't have problems, only incidents. "You may be down for a while, but it's just an incident, and you move on." He likes Greenbelt very much. It's been to him like his second family, he says. "You're treated well. Still are. Greenbelt's a good place to work. I give everything to Greenbelt."

That devotion led his boss, Irving, to nominate him for the Citation of the Maryland Recreation and Parks Association, the highest award the association gives out each year.

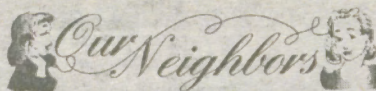
James, who has been active with the association throughout his career, received the award at last year's annual conference.

James met his wife, Kathy Fern, daughter of a Greenbelt pioneer family, coaching softball. It was something Irving got him involved with. In return, James introduced Irving to the woman he married. Kathy had two sons and a daughter, which James helped raise. They now have a grandson, Patrick Michael.

The Ferns are Irish, Kathy's grandfather having been born on the immigration boat in New York Harbor. James is Scots-Irish, but says that he favors the Irish side. St. Patrick's Day was, as usual, a big event for the James family.

For the fourth year, the family will be hosting two youths from Northern Ireland for six weeks, one a Protestant and the other Catholic. The eleven to twelve-year olds are from low-income families. The experience has been good both for them and the kids, he feels. James and his wife have also been to Ireland three times.

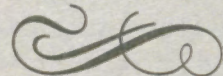
Travel is in their future plans, too. Both plan to retire together and move to a new home near



The Outlook of the University of Maryland had a feature story and picture on Annette Sardelli and her daughter Sue Hall.

Bethany Beach, Delaware. For the first year of retirement, at least, they plan to travel. Then maybe, James will consider getting a job. Perhaps on a cruise ship!

Sardelli has worked for the University for almost 40 years in the payroll office. Hall has completed 25 years in the works control office. Sardelli has always lived, since first married, in Greenbelt and nearby, once being a resident of Springhill Lake. Her daughter, who is active with the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club as a board member and publicity chairperson, has always lived near her mother.



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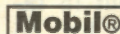
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A Review

# Celtic Art Works Shown At Greenbelt Arts Center

by Barbara Likowski

Walking into the Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC) scenes and symbols of Celtic art greet the eye. These paintings, 17 in all, are hung all around GAC's lobby. They are the work of Glen Burnie artist Karen Newhouse.

Before the Celtic music program on Saturday, March 17 a reception was held for Newhouse. Again, during intermission the artist was present to discuss her work and explain the meanings behind them. Of Irish descent, Newhouse became interested in her family background and did research on the Celts before she began to do work on her own.

Besides the paintings, Newhouse had t-shirts on which she had placed Celtic designs. A green one with a large snake was particularly intriguing. The snake's long body was made up of diagonal squares. The Celts moved across Europe, Newhouse explained, and must have been influenced by the Greeks who used the square as an art form. The Celts turned the square diagonally and made their own art form.

Because of Celtic interest in the moon, Newhouse created a

new moon, silvery and curving and put it on a black t-shirt.

The third, a red one, had the circling ravens design. Ravens, in Celtic mythology represent the spirits of war, and being carrion birds, followed the soldiers.

These designs were represented in the paintings of Newhouse. Circling Ravens made by ink on homemade mulberry bark paper hangs right inside the GAC door. In the entryway of the theater, Patrick's Cross, done in India ink and copper features designs from ancient sources from 800 BC to 800 AD. It carries the highest price tag.

Newhouse uses different media — pencil and watercolor, sepia and graphite pencil, handcrafted pigments and 23k gold on traditionally dyed papyrus, India ink and copper and more. The paintings feature odd creatures, gryphons, pookah, unicorns, gargoyles, to mention a few.

There are also forms of the Cross. This unusual, delightful mix of artwork can be viewed one more time at GAC — Saturday, March 24, 1 to 3 p.m. Most pieces, including the t-shirts, are for sale.



Ingrid Cowan and Ole Hass of Hillside Road have been invited by the Greenbelt Arts Center to sing at the center on Saturday, March 31 at 8 p.m. They have prepared a completely new program since their performance a year ago. The selections this year range from Ravel to Gershwin to Jabberwocky (from "Alice through the Looking Glass") to German Art Songs to Poulenc. Tickets are required.

## Guarneri Holds Open Rehearsal

One of the world's greatest string quartets, the Guarneri, will hold its second on-campus open rehearsal on Tuesday, March 27 at 7 p.m. in the Gildenhorn Recital Hall at the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center at the University of Maryland. The Guarneri members, now in their 37th season together, are artists-in-residence at the University of Maryland School of Music.

For information, call 301-405-7847.

Review

# "New York Style" Pizza Available at Restaurant

by Barbara Hopkins

Fans of "New York style" pizza may want to try Dimon's (formerly Cetrone's) in Cipriano Square. "New York style" pizza is round and has a thin crust with a thick edge. Traditionally, it's folded up and eaten by hand. Manager Bill Holmes adds that the pizza has special spices in the dough and sauce that set it apart. He says Dimon's makes the crust from scratch on site and aims for fresh, high-quality ingredients in all of their products. The personal experience of this reporter, who sampled the pizza recently, is that it is indeed very fresh-tasting. The toppings were generously distributed, as was the cheese. A member of our party proclaimed it "great!"

The establishment also specializes in a thin-crust pizza that is rectangular-shaped and made from a proprietary recipe with limited distribution. This pizza cooks up crispy and

those in our party who otherwise left the crusts behind cleaned their plates entirely of this one.

The menu also includes pasta, calzones, sandwiches, subs, and salads. Holmes' personal favorite is the "grinder" sub, which consists of five kinds of Italian meats, green peppers and onions, all cooked on the grill. Topped with cheese, it's a meal that should quell even the most ferocious appetite. The dessert menu is being expanded from cheesecake and fresh-baked cookies to include key lime pie. Delivery is available, but for those who want to dine out instead of carry out, and leave the dishes as well as the cooking to someone else, the shop has enough tables with blue-checked tablecloths to seat 35 people; and a "sports" TV provides entertainment. There are specials daily.

## Learn of Careers In Nutrition Field

As part of the National Nutrition Month® celebration, Prince George's Community College presents "Careers in Nutrition and Food Science Forum," on Thursday, March 29, 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. in Chesapeake Hall, Room #109.

The free event will highlight job opportunities available in nutrition, the most versatile career in the health field, and food science, the largest industry in the United States.

Four panelists in the nutrition and food science professions will discuss why they chose their career paths. After the presentations, panelists will conduct breakout sessions with groups of students who wish to ask questions and learn more about a particular career.

## Patuxent Art Show, Other Activities Set

A free art show will be presented by the Patuxent Refuge on Saturday, March 31, and Sunday, April 1, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Wildlife Visitor Center off Powder Mill Road between Route 197 and the Baltimore - Washington Parkway.

Nearly 50 recognized wildlife artists and artisans will display wildlife paintings, photographs, sculptures, woodcarvings, pottery, jewelry, and more.

Activities include a tram tour, stamp design contest, children's activities and live animal demonstrations.

## Movie Club Offers Additional Showing

The First Friday Movie Club (FFMC) feature for April 6 at 1:30 p.m. will be "The Grinch." Will he eat the roast beast?

The FFMC invites Greenbelt Elementary School kids and parents to try an "After School Special" showing at 3:15 p.m. "It's a shame to bring these great family films in and not have at least two showings where the other school kids can get a chance to see them. Besides, the St. Hugh's FFMC kids are challenging the Greenbelt Elementary kids to break last year's attendance record (~100 for "Stuart Little")," says Larry Hilliard, FFMC coordinator.

St. Hugh's school parents have organized a First Friday Movie Club that takes advantage of monthly half days, the school's proximity to the theater, and the willingness of theater operator Paul Sanchez to obtain some family oriented films. Building a new generation of "Greenbelt Theatre-goers" who can wait to see quality films at our local theater will pay off in the long run.

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